

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 20, beginning on line 19, amend the paragraph as follows:

In addition, the lease time **142b** may be set to a short enough length of time to make the use of the temporary IP address **142a** unlikely. The lease time **142b** is preferably from 5 to 10 seconds, however, shorter or longer lease times are possible. In one preferred embodiment, the lease time is less than 10 seconds. Because the cable modem 16 may require one or more minutes to achieve connectivity, the lease time **142b** may expire, and the temporary IP address **142a** may be renewed many times before the cable modem **16** has connectivity.